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E.O. 11652: GDS
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SUBJECT: MEETING WITH MUGABE

1. AMBASSADOR YOUNG, ACCOMPANIED BY DEPUTY UNDER SECRETARY MOOSE AND EXECUTIVE ASSISTANT STONEY COOKS MET 5-19 WITH ROBERT MUGABE AND FIVE AIDES AT THE RESIDENCE OF THE NIGERIAN AMBASSADOR TO MOZAMBIQUE. THE MEETING WAS ARRANGED BY HARRIMAN, NIGERIA'S AMBASSADOR TO THE UN, WHO WAS HIMSELF PRESENT. THE MEETING INCLUDED LUNCH AND LASTED APPROXIMATELY TWO HOURS. THE CONVERSATION WAS FRANK AND FRIENDLY THROUGHOUT. AT THE CONCLUSION OF THE MEETING WITH MUGABE, YOUNG AND MOOSE BRIEFED AMBASSADOR HARRIMAN ON THE TALKS ON NAMIBIA BY THE CONTACT GROUP. (REPORTED SEPTTEL).

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2. AMBASSADOR YOUNG EXPRESSED HIS PLEASURE AT MEETING MUGABE WHO, HE SAID, HAD ORIGINALLY BEEN MUCH MISUNDERSTOOD IN THE UNITED STATES. YOUNG EXPLAINED THAT THE UNITED STATES DOES NOT SEEK TO CHOOSE BETWEEN THE NATIONALIST LEADERS: OUR DESIRE IS THAT THERE BE AN EFFECTIVE LEADER. HARRIMAN INTERJECTED THAT IT SHOULD BE UP TO THE OAU, LED BY THE FRONT LINE STATES AND NIGERIA, TO DETERMINE WHO SHOULD REP-

RESENT ZIMBABWE. YOUNG GENTLY SUGGESTED THAT THIS DECISION SHOULD BE UP TO THE PEOPLE OF ZIMBABWE. MUGABE AGREED BUT NOTED THAT IF ELECTIONS WERE HELD NOW, MUZOREWA WOULD PROBABLY WIN BUT THAT HE WOULD BE CONTROLLED BY THE RHODESIAN WHITES. YOUNG MADE STRONG PITCH FOR MUGABE'S COOPERATION WITH CONSULTATIVE GROUP. MUGABE LISTENED IMPASSIVELY.

3. LUNCHEON CONVERSATION REVOLVED AROUND SINCERITY OF US INTENTION, MAJORITY RULE FOR ZIMBABWE, AND WHAT US PREPARED TO DO. AMBASSADOR YOUNG REVIEWED IN GENERAL TERMS CONCEPT OF EXERTING PRESSURE ON RHODESIA THRU SOUTH AFRICA. MUGABE AND OTHERS APPEARED UNIMPRESSED, SAYING THIS SOUNDED LIKE MORE OF THE SAME. YOUNG AND HIS COLLEAGUES EXPLAINED DIFFICULTY WHICH US WOULD HAVE IN CONSIDERING MILITARY AID. THE AFRICAN OBJECTED TO WHAT THEY SENSED TO BE EXCESSIVE US CONCERN OVER POTENTIAL COMMUNIST INFLUENCE WITH LIBERATION MOVEMENT. THEY VIGOROUSLY DEFENDED THEIR RIGHT TO ACCEPT AID FROM ANY SOURCE AND STRIDENTLY ASSERTED THEIR INTENTION TO CONTROL THEIR OWN DESTINIES. "IT IS AN INSULT TO OUR INTELLIGENCE TO BELIEVE WE WILL BECOME THE PAWNS OF THE RUSSIANS," MUGABE SAID.

4. COMMENT: MUGABE IS AN INTELLIGENT, ARTICULATE, AND TOUGH-MINDED PERSON. WHILE FIRM IN HIS VIEWS, HE PROVED WILLING TO LISTEN AND TO UNDERSTAND US CONSTRAINTS.
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